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## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph after the titles RECOMBINANT MINIMAL CATALYTIC VANADIUM HALOPEROXIDASES AND THEIR USES and RELATED APPLICATIONS on page 2 with the following amended paragraph:

--This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/596,794, filed June 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,656,715. This application is also related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/151,189, filed September 10, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,232,457, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference in the entirety.--